

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

The present patent application is the national stage of PCT patent application PCT/EP2003/050990, filed on December 11, 2003 and claiming priority to Italian patent application SV2002A000063, filed on December 30, 2002.

The present preliminary amendment is entered to introduce specification headings as in MPEP 608.01(a) and to format the claims to eliminate multiple dependent claims.

No new matter has been added.

## CONCLUSION

In view of the amendments and remarks submitted herein, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

If it is felt for any reason that direct communication would serve to advance prosecution of the present application in this case, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney of record, Franco A. Serafini, by telephone, fax, or e-mail.

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